

Sophomore Honors English
Wray

The Wuthering Heights Essay
The Anti-Prompt Prompt

I know you're all looking for the guiding questions I'd like you to explore for this essay, and I've really boiled it down to one big question:

What did you find most compelling, curious, interesting, puzzling, or otherwise thought-provoking in the novel? Expand upon and explore this idea, coming up with a thesis built around your exploration.

I know the open-endedness sends many of you into fits of panic, confusion, and even rage. Please relax and trust yourselves. My intent is to lead you to respond with originality and insight, unhindered by a closely-scripted topic. The most original and engaging papers begin with a question, explore possible answers to that question, and build a thesis around what is discovered in the process.

If you really need a specific prompt, here are some topics that warrant exploration:

- Death and rebirth
- The significance of entrances and exits
- The role of books/learning
- The juxtaposition of the beginning and ending
- The use of the supernatural
- So many more!!! **I really encourage you to branch out and explore something entirely your own...**

You certainly may explore ideas raised in class. Please do extend significantly beyond what was revealed in that forum, however, and illuminate me with the depths of your own thinking. I do ask that you do NOT base your paper on the topic you explored in your group presentations. Use this essay as an opportunity to extend your novel study in an entirely different direction.

Your final draft should be between 3-4 pages, typed, 12-pt Times New Roman or equivalent, double-spaced, MLA format.

Due Dates:

Thesis Proposal: By end-of-day Sunday, January 9th. (I will respond to you via email before Tuesday's class.)

Outline: Thursday, January 13th.

Rough Draft: Thursday, January 20th.

Final Draft: Final Exam Day: Tuesday, January 25th.

Note on the Thesis: Remember that a well-formed thesis is the foundation of a well-written paper. Please take the time to read the Thesis Statement handouts posted below this on the wiki. I will be available via email to give you feedback and guidance if you need it.

Now, get thinking and Have Fun!